

Troopers Arrest Delmar Man for Home Invasion-Seafood

Seafood- The Delaware State Police have arrested a Delmar man for home invasion and other related charges.

The incident occurred on Monday, December 24, 2018 at approximately 4:28 a.m. when Troopers made contact with a 57-year-old male victim at a local hospital in reference to a report of a home invasion. Troopers learned that the victim was in his residence located in the 9000 block of Autumn Avenue with a female acquaintance when her fiancé showed up uninvited. The fiancé, 28-year-old **John W. Whitby III** began knocking on the windows and then proceeded to kick in the front door. Once inside, he began assaulting the male victim with a blunt force object. Whitby and his fiancé then left the residence together.

The victim was treated at the hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

Whitby and his fiancé were located at their residence in the 34000 block of Bi-State Boulevard, Delmar. Whitby was taken into custody without incident and transported back to Troop 4 where he was charged with the following:

- Possession of a Deadly Weapon During the Commission of a Felony
- Home Invasion
- Assault Second Degree
- Criminal Mischief

He was arraigned before the Justice of the Peace Court 3 and released on \$45,100.00 unsecured bond.

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and are in need of

assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1800 842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at debra.reed@delaware.gov

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